1-30 P. M.

Calling Attention to Matters of Urgent Public Importance

(*i*) *re : Harassment under Karnataka Debt Relief Act in Gulbarga District.*

SRI PRABHAKAR R. TELKAR (Kalgi).— I call the attention of the Minister for Co-operation to the harassment of the Debtors under the Karnataka Debt Relief Act, in Gulbarga District.

SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Co-operation).— I wish to make the following statement,

Government have not received reports or complaints regarding harassment of debtors under the Karnataka Debt Relief Act.

Government have taken steps to give relief to the debtors by speeding up the disposal of cases by authorising even the Taluk Magistrates in addition to the Sub-Divisional Magistrates to dispose off the cases under the Act.

SRI PRABHAKAR R. TELKAR.—For the last two three months there are so many such cases. People are coming and telling me and other legislators that the creditors are demanding their loans. There are instances where the creditors have demanded loans from people who have filed applications. I request the Government particulary the Police officers to see that necessary protection is given to such debtors who are being harassed. This subject was discussed in the District Level Committee meeting also. Will the Minister take necessary action ?

SRI K. H. RANGANATH.— If the hon. Member were to write or bring to the notice of the Government, Government would definitely take action.

SRI PRABHAKAR R. TELKAR.— Nearly 8,000 applications were filed in the Gulbaraga District and the disposal is quite slow. Will it not be possible for the Government to direct the authorities to go over to the villages or at least to go over to the Hobly and see that more applications are disposed of as the pending applications are quite innumerable.

SRI K. H. RANGANATH.—It is a separate question,

(*ii*) *re : Non-Functioning of Land Tribunal in Sandur Taluk.*

SRI B. SATHYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).— I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue to the situation which has arisen due to non-functioning of Land Tribunal in Sandur Taluk.